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For: SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR

LOCATING AND TRACKING A

BORING TOOL

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AMENDMENT AFTER ALLOWANCE (37 C.F.R. § 1.312)

Please amend the above-referenced application as follows:

In the specification:

Please amend paragraph number 0019 to read as follows:

In operation, receiver 30 maybe positioned at one of a series of reference placement stations 34a through 34n on the ground surface in approximate parallel alignment with the intended path of borehole 12. Generally, receiver 30 is offset to one or the other side by the respective distances Xa through Xn. In Figure 1, the receiver 30 is shown positioned at point 34c and offset a distance Xc from the intended borehole 12. These distances may be substantially similar, for instance within 5-10% of each other, though not required. Operation of the receiver 30 in conjunction with beacons 26 and 28, as yet to be described, permits creation of a close-tolerance, on-grade borehole 12.